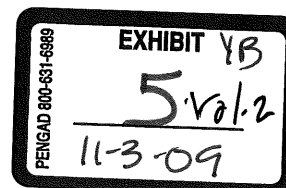


JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES

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1. NAME: Jane Dowling Fender
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2. Date and Place of Birth: 1946
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? yes
5. Divorced on February 14, 1980, Fourteenth Circuit, Family Court, State of South Carolina. One Year's Separation. Sherwood Fender was moving party. Two children.
6. Briefly describe your continuing legal or judicial education since your last screening.
- | <u>Conference/CLE Name</u> | <u>Date(s)</u> |
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| (a) Annual Judicial Conference | 08/19/04, 8/24/05 8/23/06, 8/22//07; |
| (b) Bench/ Bar CLE | 12/12/04, 12/2/05, 12/01/06, 12/7/0712/5/08; |
| (c) Annual Bar Meeting CLE | 1/21/05. 1/27/06, 1/26/07, 1/25/08; |
| (d) Family Court Judges Conf. | 4/27/05, 4/26/06, 4/25/07, 4/22/09; |
| (e) Mini Summit- Justice for Children | 8/22/06; |
| (f) SC Trial Lawyers Conference | 8/04, 8/07, 8/08. |
7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary? Yes, I have served as a family court mediator from time to time since my retirement.
8. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening. I have served as an active Family Court Judge since my election in 1994, re-elected in 2004. This is my first screening for retired status.
9. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No
10. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
11. Since your last screening, have you been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation or county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? No
12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal,



- state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No
13. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy? No
14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? No
15. Since your last screening, have you, as a lawyer, judge, or other professional, in South Carolina or any other jurisdiction, been sanctioned for lawyer, judicial, or other professional misconduct or found to have committed such misconduct? No
16. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench? No
17. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals.
Except for the South Carolina Access to Justice and the South Carolina Bar I do not accept any thing of value from attorneys, groups of attorney, or individuals who may appear in my court. I accept all of the above from friends and relatives who do not appear in my court.
18. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court? No
19. Provide any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.
I have been encouraged by the judiciary and bar to continue holding court in a retired status which I feel is a compliment of the highest order.
20. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.
See Attachment "A" for income and expenses.
21. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
- (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina.
Our family corporation, Sherwood Plantation, Inc., leases one acre of land

on Highway 17 to Jasper County, SC for a recycle center. We do not have a written lease and do not receive any compensation for the use. List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:

- (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
- (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
- (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.

I own one fifth of Sherwood Plantation, Inc. The one acre leased is on Highway 17 just outside of Hardeeville, SC. The property has not been valued.

There is no potential conflict of interest. The recycle center has a chain link fence around it, recycle containers, and a small gate house. I do not know the value of the improvements Jasper County has made on it. Jasper County, SC is leasing it from the Corporation. There is no written lease.

22. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency. Attach a copy of any contract or agreement. None

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Jane Dowling Fender

Date: August 1, 2009